the growth of the economy, growth of Labour Force and special policy interventions for creation of employment opportunities.

Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana

854. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana (KSSSY) in the country to provide social security to agricultural workers;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Yojana; and

(c) the status of the Yojana in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The Government had launched 'Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana - 2001' to provide social security to the landless agricultural workers. The scheme is being implemented by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). It envisages the provision of life-cum-accident insurance, money back, pension and superannuation benefits.

Agricultural workers between the age of 18 to 50 years are eligible for coverage under the Scheme. The agricultural worker is required to contribute Rs. 1/- per day and Government's contribution is Rs. 2/- per day per beneficiary. Initially, the scheme is being implemented in 50 selected districts covering 10 lakh agricultural worker 20000 agricultural workers from each district over a period of three years.

(c) 7473 agricultural workers have been covered under the scheme in Andhra Pradesh as on 21.2.2002.

Employment scenario in Punjab

†855. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the findings of the National Sample Survey in respect of employment situation prevailing in Punjab during the years 1999-2000, 2001 and 2001-2002;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.